

 Remarks

Re-examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-21 are allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claim 23 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if placed in independent form. To overcome the contention that claims 22, 24, and 25 are substantial duplicates of claims 11, 12 and 16, respectively, Applicant has added the subject matter of claim 23 to claim 22.

For the Examiner's consideration, Applicant notes that amended claim 22 includes the proviso that the conduit be comprised of stainless steel or temperature resistant alloy (see page 6, line 23 through page 7, line 5 of the specification for support). Applicant submits that no new issues are created by the addition of these materials to the list otherwise derived from claim 23. Moreover, patentability of the structural limitation of the claim is established by claims 11, 12, and 16, and consideration has already been given to the added materials in claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the above amendments overcome the remaining rejections in the application rendering the application in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

If any fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this response, Applicants authorize deduction of that fee from Deposit Account 06-0308.

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